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My Dearest Claire,

I received your loving letters of the 20th and 21st, this morning. So happy to hear of your health, strength & encourage you, dear one. Today is the first of June, my month — I am always very happy in June, and yet — a strange coincidence I don't think I have ever seen you in June in my life. Seven years ago, I did not know of your existence. Six years ago, June, I was in Nahlweiler convalescing — Five years ago You were in Berlin —

Four years ago you were
in Eberlin — Three years
ago you were in Eberlin
Two years ago we were not
so speaking terms exactly
You remember July 1912
the spell of silence
Then one year ago You
were abroad, and this
year it is me who runs
away — I trust though,
my darling, we shall
spend many happy
times together in
the future

Well, I must begin
at the beginning; I think
I left off with Thursday
night at Lakenguish.
It was grand. I realized
more than ever the deeper
spiritual meaning of the
play. Elsa the uplifting
the christian soul, tried
about by doubts & distrust
temptations of the evil one
while Faith, purity,
the redeemer of Christ
Parsifal, typified by
the Knights of the Holy
grail, comes to her
with all gifts of love
and happiness, in his
hand, asking only
faith — perfect trust
in exchange for all.
It is a great and beautiful
sermon. Friday we
went to the Royal Academy
and saw the pictures of
the year and spent the
evening with the Randalls.
Saturday morning, we
called on the Burgards
and spent the afternoon
at the "Zoo" It was
very enjoyable. Sunday
morning St Pauls, and

who dear you think touched me on the shoulder + guided me, as soon as we were seated - Bella Allen Mrs Keith, now. They are on their wedding trip. We had quite a chat afterward. Her husband seems quite a nice young fellow. Tell they both looked very disgusted and tired out with the protracted ceremony

I wonder if we shall get tired to death of each other? I trust in God that we shall not, and this is the recipe darling, I avoid it - "To keep in the line of duty". It is seeking after pleasure that makes the fair Goddess coy and evasive. She delights in keeping just out of reach of those who pursue her. Well - to continue We went to the Churchills to dinner and to a grand service at Dr Parker's in the evening. This morning Harry Churchill, the doctor, called, also Marie, after which Ernest + I went down to see the Randalls, get mail, which consisted of your letter only, and say goodbye to them, then I did a little shopping and came home + packed. We left for Balkal three o'clock, and here we are - perfect weather, dear old sleepy town. At the clock rings a time every 15 minutes. Uncle Miffles says. "give my love to Clarence and tell him to make a specialty of shumaliceen there will be a fortune in it, when I get home"

Well, dear, tomorrow, I am going to devote my two brothers and run down to Tailerwith and visit Mrs Seeley a few days, she has written several times begging me to come.

It's much more than two weeks from the day you get this, I shall be home

again - What fun —
You must think about
me on my birthday, you
see when I get home, I
shall be just as old as you
and I can be saucy for
two months - after which
in view of your great
age, I shall summer
down and be respectful
-h your years & gray hairs
Well, dearest, its 1 o'clock
(supper time) with you, &
I must get to bed, so
good night and a kiss on
each eye from the
Sunshine Grace

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